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CORRECTEDCOPYPARA NUMBERS (1 THROUGH 10)

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: ECOSOC, UN, EGEN

SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: UN WATER CONFERENCE SUDAN/ARGENTINA

DRAFT RESOLUTION (ITEM 16)

REF: GENEVA 5719

1. SUMMARY. THE TWO MAJOR INTERESTED COUNTRIES ARE CIRCULATING A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE WATER CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW-UP THERETO. RES DOES CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN SIMPLY NOTE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE FOR TRANSMITTAL TO 32ND UNGA. REQUEST DEPT GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. SET FORTH AS PARA 11 IS DRAFT RES INFORMALLY CIRCULATED BY SUDAN AND ARGENTINA. WE ANTICIPATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBJECT WILL BE CONSIDERED EARLY WEEK OF JULY 25.

3. WITH REGARD TO THIS DRAFT, ISRAELIS HAVE EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS WITH PARA 3 SUB PARA (1) WHICH APPROVES THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE AND ALL ITS RECOMMENDATIONS

AND RESOLUTIONS (DEPT WILL RECALL THAT RES ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WAS ONE WHICH US VOTED AGAINST ALONG WITH 16 OTHER COUNTRIES). IN SAME REGARD, OPERATIVE PARA (3) INVITES THE GA TO APPROVE THE DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN.

4. OPERATIVE PARA 5 ENDORSES THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF CNR WHICH WE SPONSORED, AND SHOULD SUPPORT. THE MAJOR REQUESTS ARE CONTAINED IN OPERATIVE PARA 6, WHICH REQUESTS THE SYG TO (A) PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING UN ACTIVITIES IN THE WATER SECTOR; (B) STUDY THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE COMMUNITYWATER SUPPLY RES AND STEPS NECESSARY FOR LAUNCHING THE DECADE; (C) STUDY WAYS TO INCREASE THE FLOW OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES; (D) OBTAIN FROM THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING THEIR PROGRAMS; AND (E) MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN EXISTING INTERNATIONAL RIVER COMMISSIONS. ALL OF THE AFORESAID, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, TRACKS CLOSELY THE CONFERENCE RESULTS.

5. OPERATIVE PARA 7 SUB PARA 1 CALLS FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE WATER CONFEENCE SECRETARIAT WHICH WE ALERTED DEPT TO IN REFTEL.

6. THE REMAINING SEGMENTS OF OPERATIVE PARA 7 TRANSMIT FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, THE APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFERENCE REPORT: TO UNEP (SHARED NATURAL RESOURCES), THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SECRETARIAT, AND THE TCDC CONFERENCE FOR FURTHER ACTION.

7. OPERATIVE PARA 8 REQUESTS THE SYG TO REPORT TO THE 33RD UNGA ON THE RESULTS OF THE CNR SPECIAL SESSION, AND THIS IS THE LOGICAL RESULT OF OPERATIVE PARA 5.

8. OPERATIVE PARA 9 CALLS UPON THE ILC TO GIVE HIGHER PRIORITY TO INTERNATIONAL WATER RELATED CODIFICATION, AND WE HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WITH IT.

9. REQUEST DEPT PROVIDE GUIDANCE BOTHWITH REGARD TO INCLUSION OF THE VARIOUS PARAS AS WELL AS SPECIFIC LANGUAGE CONCERNS.

10. BEGIN TEXT: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE REPORT OF THE UN WATER CONFERENCE

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3513 (XXX) OF 15 DECEMBER

1975 AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1979 (LIX) OF 31 JULY 1975,

NOTING THAT THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE HELD AT MAR DEL PLATA, ARGENTINA, 14-25 MARCH 1977 TOOK FAR REACHING DECISIONS ON THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF THE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES COVERING SUCH ASPECTS AS ASSESSMENT OF WATER RESOURCES; USE AND EFFICIENCY IN DIFFERENT ASPECTS; ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND POLLUTION CONTROL; PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS; EDUCATION, TRAINING AND RESEARCH; AND REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION;

CONSIDERING THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE REQUIRE URGENT ACTION;

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- 1- APPROVES THE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE REGARDING THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN AND ALL ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS;
- 2- URGES MEMBER STATES AND ALL ORGANISATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM TO TAKE INTENSIFIED AND SUSTAINED ACTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE;
- 3- INVITES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE DECISIONS OF THE UN WATER CONFERENCE AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE GENERALASSEMBLY SHOULD GIVE DUE PRIORITY TO THE DECISIONS OF THE UN WATER CONFERENCE AND OF THE MEASURES

NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN AND TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE BUDGETARY PROVISION IS MADE FOR THIS PURPOSE;

4- RECOMMENDS TO GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF DESIGNATING THE NATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OR OTHER SUITABLE ORGANISATIONS TO COORDINATE AND MONITOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL ON THE BASIS OF DETAILED NATIONAL ACTION PROGRAMMES, ENCOMPASSING AREAS SPECIFIED IN THE NOTE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF JUNE 16, 1977;

5- APPROVES THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL RESOURCES IN ORDER TO DECIDE ON FURTHER STEPS TO SECURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAR DEL PLATA ACTION PLAN TO BE PECEEDED BY REGIONAL MEETINGS; AND THE SUBJECTS SUGGESTED BY THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL IN HIS NOTE E/6015 PART III FOR DISCUSSION IN THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE REGIONAL MEETINGS:

6- REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL

I) TO PUT UP PROPOSALS IN RESPECT OF STEPS REQUIRED TO ENABLE THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES TO PLAY THE CENTRAL ROLE IN THE PROMOTION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION, INTENSIFY THE ACTIVITIES IN THE WATER SECTOR AND TO PROVIDE STRENGTHENED SECRETARIAT SUPPORT SERVICES TO THESE ORGANS BY ALL UNIED NATIONS ORGANISATIONS AND BODIES AND FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF COORDINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ACTIVITIES AT THE COUNTRY LEVEL UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNDP;

II) TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RESOLUTION ON COMMUNITYWATER SUPPLY, AND OUTLINING THE STEPS NECESSARY FOR CONVENING THE PROPOSED MEETING OF 1980 AND THE LAUNCHING OF THE INTERNATIONAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DECADE;

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III) TO ARRANGE THE PREPARATION OF AN IN-DEPTH STUDY, IN COOPERATION WITH THE RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS OF THE UNITED

NATIONS SYSTEM AND IN CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS, OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND FLEXIBLE MECHANISM TO INCREASE THE FLOW OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES SPECIFICALLY FOR WATER DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT COVERING THE ELEMENTS OUTLINED IN THE NOTE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF 16 JUNE 1977;

IV) TO REQUEST THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO FORMULATE THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN AND INTENSIFY THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE WATER SECTOR AND TO THIS END TO GIVESPECIFIC MANDATE TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITE IN EACH REGION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WATER CONFERENCE AND WITH THE RESOLUTION
I 1 (V) OF THE COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND PUT UP THEIR REQUIREMENTS OF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR THIS PURPOSE:

V) TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ORGANIZING MEETINGS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL RIVER COMMISSIONS WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS ON POTENTIAL WAYS OF PROMOTING THE EXCHANGE OF THEIR EXPERIENCE;

VI) TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF SPECIAL STUDIES IN (I) TO (V) TO THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (IN FEBRUARY 1978);

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7- FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL

I) TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTENCE OF THE PRESENT WATER CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE, WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT OF ALL AGENCIES OF THE UN AND ITS SYSTEMS INVOLVED IN WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AND TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDIES REFERED TO IN (PARA-6);

II) TO URGE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON NATURAL RESOURCES SHARED BY TWO OR MORE STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME TO EXPEDITE ITS WORK ON DRAFT PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT IN THE FIELD OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE GUIDANCE OF STATES IN THE CONSERVATION AND HARMONIOUS EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHARED BY TWO OR MORE STATES:

III) TO TRANSMIT THE RELEVANT DECISIONS OF THE UNWC TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR FURTHER ACTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES BE GIVEN PRIORITY ATTENTION
IN THE PRELIMINARY NATIONAL AND REGIONAL ANALYSIS UNDERTAKEN IN THE PEPARATORY PROCESS FOR THE CONFERENCE AS
WELL AS BY THE CONFERENCE ITSELF.
IV) TO TRANSMIT THE RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS AND
RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNWC TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS
WELL AS THE COMPETENT ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH THE
PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR THIS CONFERENCE WITH A VIEW TO
DEFINE FUTURE ACTION AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES IN THIS AREA.
8- REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE 33RD
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH ECOSOC ON THE
RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE.

TO ENSURE THAT WATER MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS AND THE PROBLEMS

9- CALLS THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION, WITH REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 1955 (LIX) OF 25 JULY 1975, TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UN WATER CONFERENCE REQUESTING THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION TO GIVE A HIGHER PRIORITY IN ITS WORKING PROGRAMME TO THE CODIFICATION IN RESPECT OF THE LAW OF NON-NAVIGATIONAL USES OF INTERNATIONAL WATER COURSES AND TO COORDINATING WITH ACTIVITIES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES DEALING WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW OF WATERS WITH A VIEW TO THE EARLY CONCLUSION OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.VANDEN HEUVEL

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